

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Fortune et al.)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the February 26, 2008, office action, imposing restriction and election of species requirements.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-30) with traverse. Applicants traverse on the basis that the claims of Group I and Group II are related as subcombination/combination, and the combination of claim 31 requires each and every limitation of claim 1. Therefore, restriction between Groups I and II is improper and should be withdrawn.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants elect the following species:

- (i) as the tissue-reactive functional group, N-hydroxysuccinimide esters (claim 5); and
- (ii) a material formed by derivatization of a polymer precursor, where the derivatized polymer is a co-polymer of N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidinone and acrylic acid (claim 20).

Claims of Group I reading on these elected species include claims 1-10, 12-22, and 28-30.

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If any further action is required by the applicants, then the applicants invite the examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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